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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS ATTACKS FRG

1. PRO-GOC PRESS HAS BEGUN A CONCERTED ATTACK ON
WHAT IT DESCRIBES AS "ANTI-CYPRIOT
ATTITUDE OF WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT." SUBJECT FIRST APPEARED
IN PRO-MAKARIOS AFTERNOON DAILY APOGEVMATINI FEB 27 AND
WAS FURTHER EMBROIDERED MAR 1 BY LYSSARIDES TA NEA
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AND COMMUNIST HARAVGHI. NEW STORIES ALLEGE: PERSONAL
ANIMOSITY BETWEEN MAKARIOS AND SCHMIDT WHO REGARDS ARCH-
BISHOP AS OBSTACLE TO CYPRIOT SETTLEMENT AND ASKED
HIM TO QUIT POLITICS; CONTINUING ATTACKS ON MAKARIOS
FY FRG MEDIA ADVOCATING ASSUMPTION OF PRESIDENCY
BY GLAFKOS CLERIDES; PROVOCATIVE PRO-TURKISH, ANTI-
MAKARIOS ACTIVITIES BY MEMBERS OF FRG EMBASSY HERE

AND BY UNNAMED GERMAN "EXPERT" SERVING IN CYPRUS;
BONN'S WILLINGNESS TO MEEET ALL TURKISH ARMS REQUIREMENTS
IN EVENT U.S. CONGRESS DOES NOT LIFT EMBARGO.

2. TA NEA AND HARAVGHI SAME DAY CARRIED EDITORIALS
CRITICIZING ALLEGED FRG ATTITUDE TOWARDS CYPRUS. SEMI-
OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS MAR 2 ADDED ITS VOICE TO THE CHORUS
CLAIMING TO SEE AS RESULT OF NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION'S
PRESSURE A SOFTENING OF TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE AND REGRET-
TING THAT "AT THIS CRUCIAL PERIOD WE HAVE THE RECATIONS OF
WEST GERMAN FIGURES WHO EVIDENTLY AIM AT PREVENTING
THE FORMULATION OF AN AMERICAN POLICY DESIGNED TO REMOVE
INJUSTICE DONE AT THE EXPENSE OF CYPRUS."

3. COMMENT: IN WORLD OF GREEK CYPRIOT JOURNALISM, IT
IS NEARLY INCONCEIVABLEFOR SUCH UNANIMITY OF SUBJECT
AND TREATMENT TO OCCUR WITHOUT ORCHESTRATION FROM HIGHEST
LEVEL OF GOC. WE ARE LESS CONFIDENT IN SPECULATING ON POSSIBLE
GOC MOTIVES AND WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS FROM BONN.
AMONG EXPLANATIONS WE HAVE HEARD ARE: (1) ARCHBISHOP
HAS NEVER WELCOMED SUGGESTIONS THAT HE RETIRE FROM
POLITICS AND CURRENT PRESS CAMPAIGN REFLECTS HIS
DISPLEASURE AT HEARING THIS SENTIMENT FROM SCHMIDT; (2) USG IN
POST-CLIFFORD MISSION ATMOSPHERE IS (AT LEAST FOR NOW) EVOLVING
FROM WHIPPING BOY TO GOLDEN BOY ON CYPRIOT SCENE. IN THIS
NEW ERA OF GOOD FEELING TOWARD U.S. GOC HAS INSTRUCTED THE
LEFTIST AND ANTI-AMERICAN PAPERS TO DIRECT THEIR
FIRE AWAY FROM THEIR TRADITIONAL TARGET AND SUGGESTED THAT
FRG, WHICH IS SEEN HERE AS PRO-TURKISH AND ANTI-MAKARIOS,
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